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1. GATT DG LONG INVITED LUYTEN AND ME TO MEET WITH HIM
AND PATTERSON. MAIN FOCUS OF DISCUSSION WAS AGRICULTURE.
OTHER TOPICS WILL BE REPORTED SEPTTEL.

2. LOYTEN SAID THAT EC POSITION WAS THAT THEY WANTED
LAST SUMMER AND STILL WANT NOW A MEETING OF GROUP AGRI-
CULTURE, AT LEAST TO TAKE UP PROCEDURAL MATTERS AND
ALSO ANY SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS ON WHICH PROGRESS COULD BE
MADE. HE ASSERTED BLOCKAGE IN PROGRESS IN A NUMBER OF
THE NTM GROUPS WAS DIRECTLY TRACEABLE TO THE FAILURE TO
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HAVE A GROUP AGRICULTURE MEETING TO RESOLVE PROCEDURAL

MATTERS. I REPLIED THAT U.S. POSITION HAD CONSISTENTLY BEEN THAT WE WERE PREPARED TO MEET IN GROUP AGRICULTURE WHEN SUCH A MEETING WOULD BE USEFUL AND THAT IF THE COMMUNITY FELT A MEETING WAS WARRANTED, WE WERE PREPARED TO CONSIDER THEIR PROPOSAL SERIOUSLY.

3. LUYTEN THEN LISTED THE FOLLOWING TOPICS WHICH HE FELT MIGHT BE ADDRESSED IN A SHORT GROUP AGRICULTURE MEETING THIS FALL:

A. THE AGRICULTURAL ASPECTS OF THE STANDARDS CODE;

B. AN AGRICULTURAL COUNTERPART TO THE MEXICAN PROPOSAL IN THE QR SUBGROUP FOR UP-DATING THE GATT LISTING OF QR'S;

C. THE AGRICULTURAL ASPECTS OF THE AUSTRALIAN PROPOSAL FOR ADDING INFORMATION ON NON-TARIFF MEASURES TO THE TARIFF RATE INFORMATION FILE;

D. THE NON-TARIFF MEASURES NOT DEALT WITH MULTI-LATERALLY PROPOSAL PENDING IN THE NTM PARENT GROUP (AS TO WHICH LUYTEN INDICATED THE COMMUNITY WOULD WISH TO NOTE THAT, INsofar AS AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS ARE CONCERNED, SUCH A PROCEDURE WAS ALREADY IN PLACE UNDER THE "OTHER PRODUCTS" COMPROMISE).

4. I TOLD LUYTEN THAT WITH THE EXCEPTION OF STANDARDS WHERE THERE HAS BEEN PREVIOUS DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE EC ON THE ROLE OF GROUP AGRICULTURE, WE HAD NEVER RECEIVED FROM THE EC ANY SPECIFIC INDICATION OF WHAT THEY WISH TO TAKE UP UNDER THESE TOPIC HEADINGS. I TOLD HIM THAT U.S. CONCERN CENTERED ON POSSIBLE EC EFFORTS TO TREAT THE TOPICS IN A WAY IMPLYING THAT THEY WERE EXCLUSIVELY SUBJECT TO THE JURISDICTION OF GROUP AGRICULTURE -- A POSITON WHICH, AS HE KNEW, WE REJECTED. NEVERTHELESS, I TOLD HIM WE WERE PREPARED TO CONSIDER THESE TOPICS AND ANY PROPOSALS THE EC MIGHT HAVE TO DEAL WITH THEM.

5. BASED UPON THE FOREGOING, WE WILL MEET AGAIN
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WEDNESDAY MORNING IN PATTERSON'S OFFICE. I EXPECT LUYTEN TO PROVIDE LANGUAGE, AT THAT MEETING, DETAILING MORE OF WHAT HE HAS IN MIND. INTERESTINGLY, THE SUBJECT OF A DATE FOR A POSSIBLE GROUP AGRICULTURE MEETING DID NOT COME UP AT ALL AND IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO SEE ON WEDNESDAY WHETHER LUYTEN PRESSES FOR AN EARLY MEETING. ALSO, LUYTEN INDICATED THAT THE EC WAS NOT NOW PUSHING FOR ANY EARLY MEETING OF THE THREE AGRI-

CULTURAL SUBGROUPS. HE SAID THAT WHILE THE EC WAS
INTERESTED IN HAVING THESE GROUPS MEET, THEY
WERE NOT INTERESTED IN TAKING THE LEAD IN THE MEETINGS
BY FURTHER SPECIFYING THEIR PROPOSALS WHEN NO ONE
ELSE WAS MAKING PROPOSALS. I OBSERVED ONLY THAT THE
U.S. WAS NOT NOW PRESSING FOR EARLY SUBGROUP MEETINGS.WALKER

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